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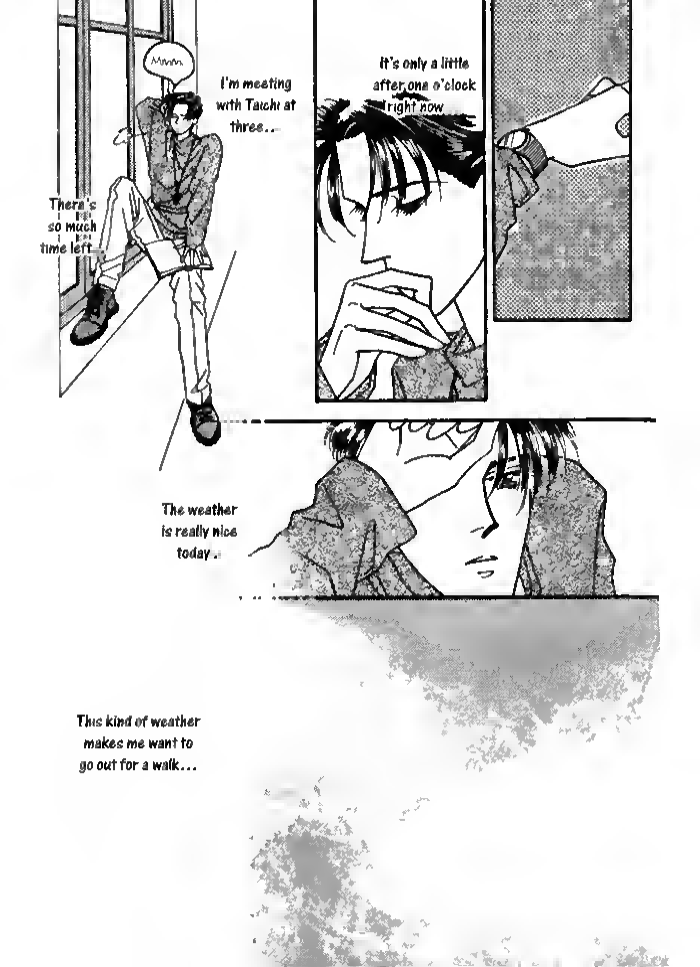
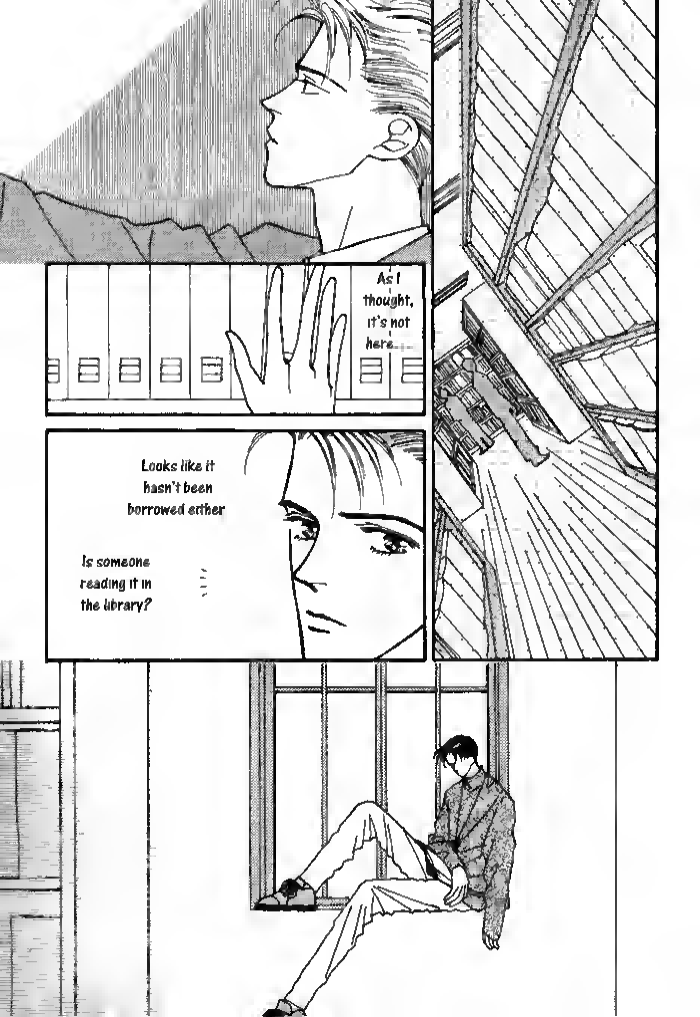

Mmm.
I'm meeting with Taichi at three...
There's so much time left...
It's only a little after one o'clock right now
The weather is really nice today.
This kind of weather makes me want to go out for a walk...

STEP


As I thought, it's not here...
Looks like it hasn't been borrowed either
Is someone reading it in the library?

Hey, this is the school library!
Unbelievable. He's sound asleep.
AH!
ZZZZZZZZ
ZZZZZZZZ
It really is like this
The book he's currently looking for

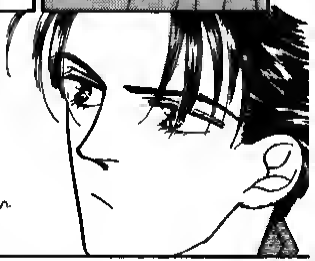
NNN.
Dong Dong
!
JOLT
This is a man's jacket, right...?
shock
It's past 2 o'clock...
I've slept for almost an hour...
Why is this here...?

But I don't know if he's still in the library or not
Anyway, I have to go and return this
Is that perfume ? Ugh...
AND IT'S A DESIGNER JACKET
Damn it... Whatever, I'll just go look around

Damn... How am I supposed to find him like this?
Still searched seriously
I'll throw this jacket away if he doesn't show up!
SAN, IS THIS ALRIGHT?
I'll fly there any time
THANK YOU
NOT AT ALL IF YOU NEED ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK
This scent

I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO TAKI-SAN!
HE'S SO CHARMING HE'S A VERY FAMOUS TRANSLATOR I READ HIS TRANSLATION OF SOME DIALOGUE IN A MAGAZINE EARLIER.
THE NEXT TIME HE COMES TO THE INFORMATION DESK, IT'S MY TURN TO TALK TO HIM!
Kya

Hey... Did you already forget that you were wearing a jacket?
I'm going to pawn it!


"Taki-san," is it?
Hm.

TAKI-SAN?

PISSED
—THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE?

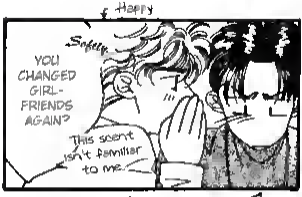
Blush
Heh
SHOVE
YOU'RE WELCOME, PRINCESS.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A PRINCESS!?
YOU'RE THE ONE WITH PERFUME ALL OVER YOURSELF!!
Shh
COUGH
COUGH
Can you be a little quieter over there?

AT ANY RATE, I'VE RETURNED YOUR JACKET!
FROM NOW ON, DON'T GET NEAR ME ANYMORE!
THAT'S ALL!!
DO YOU KNOW THE NAME OF THIS PERFUME?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
IT'S CALLED "EGOIST."

QUIT JOKING! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
CLENCH
You don't have to repeat that strongly.
I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN SOMETIME
What's wrong with that guy!?
HUH?

Ah, it's that guy's...
OF COURSE I'M NOT WEARING...
WHAT?
ATSUROU, ARE YOU WEARING PERFUME?
IT REALLY DOES SMELL NICE
sniff
sniff
Don't sniff me like a dog!
Why are you so flustered?
HEY! CAN YOU STOP THAT!?



Okuda Atsurou, 18 years old

Taki Ikuomi, 30 years old

On that spring day, everything began here...

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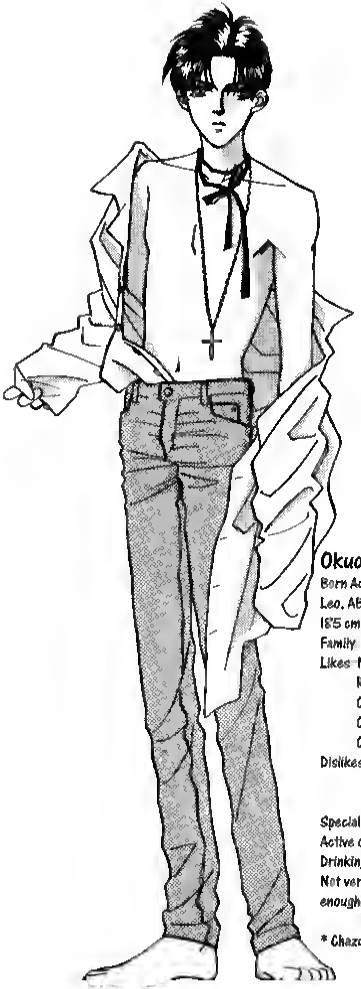

Okuda Atsurou

Born August 3rd
Leo, AB blood type
185 cm 69 kg
Family: Parents and younger sister
Likes: Natto
Roast meat
Celery
Chazuke*
Cats and dogs
Dislikes: Weird things
Bitchy women
Cockroaches
Special technique: Cooking
Active on the basketball court in junior high, high school,
Drinking, but not smoking,
Not very caring towards others, but once they are familiar enough will treat others honestly and seriously

* Chazuke – Rice soaked in tea

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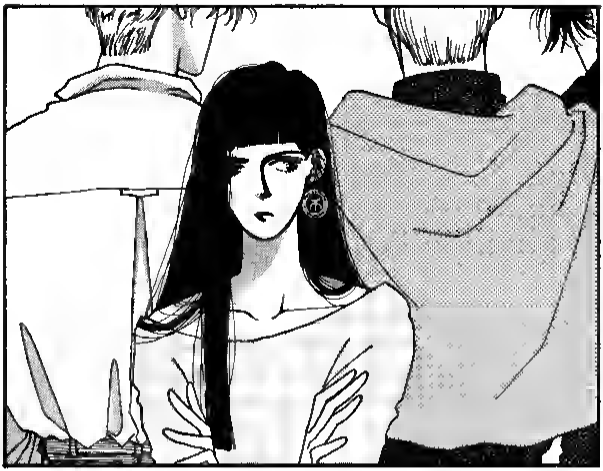

Presentiment

WHAT? TODAY!? I HAD NO IDEA..
YOU'RE 25 YEARS OLD YOU DON'T NEED A BIRTHDAY PARTY ANYMORE!
howl
cringe
!
WELL I'M SORRY THAT I'M 25!!
BUT EVERYONE HAS TO COME TODAY, SO YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T!

NO ONE TOLD YOU TO BE SO UNRELIABLE!
PLEASE I'M NOT A CHILD ANYMORE..
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST GO BACK HOME THIS TIME! MOM WORRIES ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY.
THINKING YOU'RE HOMELESS AND STARVING!!
CHE
AXEL'S COMING? REALLY!?
BY THE WAY AXEL IS ALSO COMING BACK TODAY
HEY... DOES THAT MEAN YOU WANT ME TO GO TO THE CLASS DRINKING PARTY ALONE...?
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER?
I'LL GO TOO!!
SORRY, I FORGOT IT WAS MY SISTER'S BIRTHDAY...
Beep
What?

WHO'S AXEL?
RICH FAMILIES SURE ARE DIFFERENT, HUH?
TAICHI-KUN
DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME. IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY YEAR!
OH YOU HAVEN'T MET HIM?
OH—
HE'S MY SECOND COUSIN FROM MY MOTHER'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY.
HE'S A CORPORATE ADVISORY LAWYER IN JAPAN
SO HE'S LIVING IN OUR HOUSE FOR CONVENIENCE
Blonde hair blue eyes!
RIGHT! HE'S A HARD WORKING WHITE ANGLO-SAXON PROTESTANT!
A RELATIVE FROM YOUR MOM'S SIDE? THEN HE'S AMERICAN?

AXEL WAS THE ONE WHO ME HOW TO PLAY BASKETBALL
HE'D PLAY WITH ME ALL THE TIME WHEN I WAS YOUNGER
BUT HE'S A REALLY NICE PERSON
HE'S AMAZING HIS FATHER IS THE UCLA BASKETBALL TEAM'S COACH
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IT'S ONLY MY MOM THAT'S AMERICAN
HAHA, ONLY YOUR MOM?
YOUR FAMILY HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL IT'S STILL SO INTERNA-TIONALIZED

SO ATSUROU, I'M SORRY, BUT TODAY'S DRINKING PARTY...
OKAY, OKAY I'LL JUST BE THE SACRIFICE FOR TODAY
SULK
THAT'S WHY I'M APOLO-GIZING...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M GOING TO STAY OVER AT MY FAMILY'S HOUSE TONIGHT. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME
.....
ALRIGHT

Accept it as it is, Taichi.

Because it's something I don't have...
Not with pride, but also not with severity
Just treat it like you normally do, Taichi.
That's right—. People have told us since high school...
You two are complete opposites!

Even when we moved in together after starting college, it was the same
They said the two of us could do it together... but they were really against it
But since it was Taichi, they said it would be fine
Because it was Taichi...
TSUKIKO
SO TAICHI'S COMING BACK?
Jang!

WHAT ABOUT IKUOMI?
SWP
HMPH!
HAHA HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT...
HE KEPT TRYING TO GIVE ME EXCUSES, BUT ONCE I SAID THAT YOU'D BE HERE,
HE IMMEDIATELY SAID HE'D COME HOME. GEEZ!
TOO BAD
I THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO CHAT WITH HIM.
OH... HIM?
HE SAID HE WAS BUSY
APPARENTLY, HE HAS SOME MEETING TO GO TO FOR WORK
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM RECENTLY EITHER
THE LAST TIME WE MET WAS AT PROFESSOR MURASE'S FUNERAL, RIGHT?
AH, HE WAS THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED US TO IKUOMI.

THAT'S RIGHT
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IF THE PROFESSOR HADN'T INTRODUCED US BACK THEN,
WE MAY NEVER HAVE MET. FATE IS REALLY MYSTERIOUS
BUT... IKUOMI SEEMS TO BE RATHER POPULAR
THE BOOK HE TRANSLATED, "AMERICAN CAPITALISM," IS A SERIES ABOUT ECONOMICS THAT GOT ON THE BESTSELLER'S LIST, DIDN'T IT?
GEEZ!
HE'S AN ELEGANT, SINGLE ARISTOCRAT!
WELL, I'LL ADMIT HE'S AN EXCEPTIONAL ECONOMIC ANALYST
HAHA! YOU DON'T SEEM VERY ENTHUSIASTIC!
I CAN'T HELP IT! AFTER KNOWING WHAT HE'S NORMALLY LIKE, I
!
Grab

LET'S NOT DISCUSS IKUOMI ANYMORE
WH... WHAT?
Here
A PRESENT

EVEN TAICHI SAID THAT I'M ALREADY 25 SO WHY SHOULD I HAVE A BIRTHDAY PARTY?
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AGE TSUKIKO HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY BEAUTIFUL!
Hehe.
YOU'RE SUCH A FLATTERER.
BUT...
THANK YOU...

BATH-ROOM
HEY, OKUDA,
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
Ah-ah-ah-ah!
Oh, that one!
No way! What is it?
Ah-ah-ah!
Ah-ah-ah!
I really can't take it anymore! We just started college, and they're already trying to live like the working class!
SHOULD I JUST LEAVE?
Wah, it
Lier!
Ah-ah-ah!
THANK YOU FOR MAKING TIME EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO BUSY TODAY

THEN I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU. I'LL BE GOING
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
NOT AT ALL. I SHOULD BE THE ONE APOLOGIZING FOR YOUR TREAT.
THE REMAINING MANUSCRIPTS WILL BE SENT TO YOU WHEN I FINISH.
Wahaha!
Okay!
Drink
RUSTLE
Tap
College students?

WHY DO YOU STILL HAVE SUCH AN UNPLEASANT EXPRESSION?
That's ..

YOU'RE... THAT PERFUME MAN FROM LAST TIME!
!
Good evening!
WE MEET AGAIN
I WAS JUST HEADING HOME
DO YOU NEED A RIDE?
CLINCHE
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
This guy doesn't learn

ARE YOU SUSPICIOUS OF ME?
OF COURSE!
You know
I won't do anything
.....
Rustle
THIS SHOULD PROVE MY IDENTITY
HERE
driver's license
.....
Pfft!
Such a weird person ..
TAKI IKUOMI-SAN 30 YEARS OLD?
YOU LOOK YOUNG BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY AN OLD MAN!

EH? REALLY? YOU'RE MORE DILIGENT THAN YOU LOOK
YOU...
I TRANSLATE SOME NOVELS, BUT I MAINLY TRANSLATE BOOKS ABOUT ECONOMICS
YOU'RE A TRANSLATOR, RIGHT? DO YOU TRANSLATE NOVELS?
Old man?
Here you go.

NO NEED.
MY NAME IS OKUDA ATSUROU, A COLLEGE FRESHMAN.
DO YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU MY STUDENT ID?
Heh
Grin

CAN I STAY AT YOUR PLACE TONIGHT?
TAKI-SAN, DO YOU LIVE ALONE?
YES. BUT WHY DO YOU ASK?

WEREN'T YOU SUSPICIOUS OF ME?
I STILL AM!
YOU LIVE HERE BY YOURSELF? HOW ELEGANT
A MANSION, HUH? THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN A HOUSE LIKE THIS
Woh

BOOKSHELF AGAINST THE ENTIRE WALL
WOW! ARE ALL THESE BOOKS YOURS?
GO RIGHT AHEAD.
CAN I CHECK OUT THE 2ND FLOOR?
THERE ARE SO MANY! IT'S LIKE A LIBRARY!
Ah...the complete works of Yanagita Kunio and even the fine arts. *
IF THERE'S A BOOK YOU WANT TO READ, FEEL FREE TO TAKE IT WITH YOU
CAN I REALLY? I CAN BORROW YOUR BOOKS?
SURE
Seeing this many books
GREAT!
got me excited
YOU FINALLY
BECAME A LITTLE LIVELY

*Japanese author known as the father of Japanese native ethnology focusing on folk tale and societal studies.

...DID I REALLY LOOK THAT BAD BEFORE?
I THINK YOU'LL BE FINE AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.
TAKI-SAN...
BUT... THERE'S ONLY ONE BED IN MY HOUSE,
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE SOFA OVER THERE
I'LL GO GET A BLANKET
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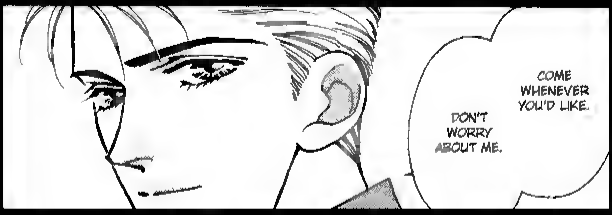
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON.
I'M GOOD AT JUDGING PEOPLE'S PERSONALITIES!
THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT.
ARE YOU STILL SUSPICIOUS OF ME?
CAN I...
COME TO YOUR HOUSE AGAIN SOMETIME?



That night, the sofa was more comfortable than I thought it'd be.

I was able to sleep soundly without thinking about anything...

When I saw his face,

For some reason, I knew that something was bound to happen

But at the time, I had no idea what that would be

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I don't
understand...

What it
means to "love"

ECCENTRIC BOY

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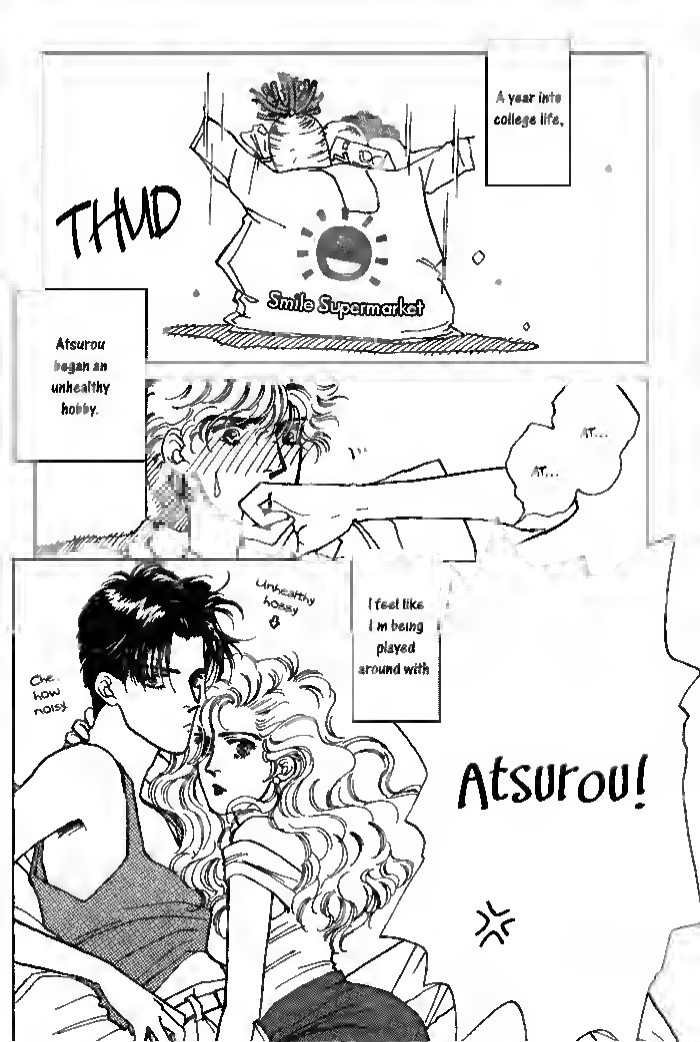
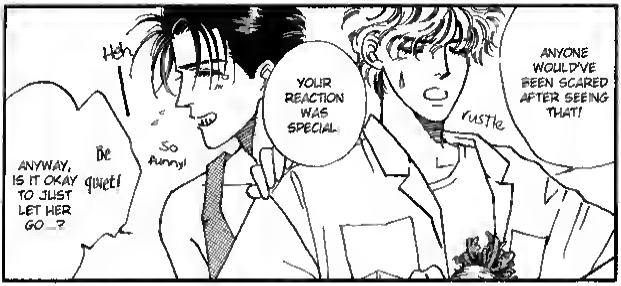

A year into college life.
THUD
Smile Supermarket
Atsurou began an unhealthy hobby.
AT...
AT...
Unhealthy hobby
I feel like I'm being played around with
Ow, how noisy
Atsurou!

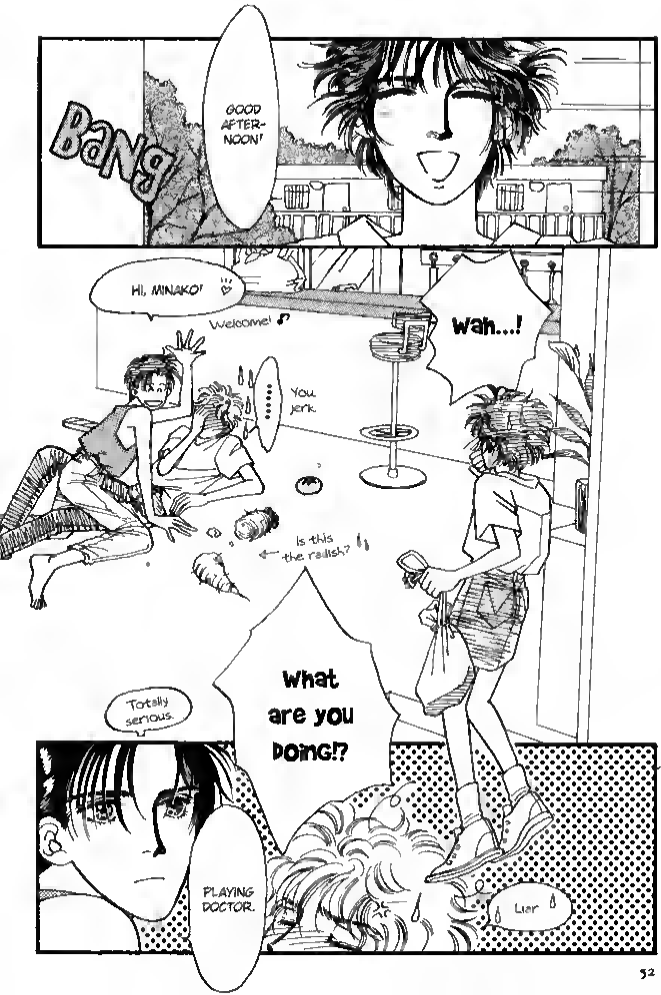
How humiliating...
I can't help but laugh...
QUIT LAUGHING ALREADY!
BUT... WHEN I THINK ABOUT THAT EXPRESSION YOU HAD ON JUST NOW...
Haha!


Heh
YOUR REACTION WAS SPECIAL
ANYONE WOULD'VE BEEN SCARED AFTER SEEING THAT!
rustle
So funny!
ANYWAY, IS IT OKAY TO JUST LET HER GO...?
Be quiet!

DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D MAKE THE MISTAKE...
OF LETTING HER KNOW THAT I MESSED UP?
Don't worry about that!
!
TAICHI,
Hehe.

Hmm. what cute broccoli
THAT WOMAN IS REALLY PERSISTENT...
DON'T TELL ME.
I suddenly have a bad feeling.
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL, TAICHI-KUN! THANKS TO YOU, I CAN FINALLY SAY GOODBYE TO THAT WOMAN
YOU MEAN, YOU USED ME...!?
MEN ARE REALLY PATHETIC
BUT...
EVEN IF THEY'RE DISLIKEABLE WOMEN WE STILL DESIRE THEM.
You octopus!
Hmm? Did you call?
Hey, don't spin!

WHERE SHOULD I PUT THIS DESIRE OF MINE?
We stopped right in the middle just now so...!
stare
HUH?
STOP MESSING AROUND!
Ah ...!
GRAB
SMACK
Bastard, stop touching weird places!
OW, DON'T HIT ME WITH THE RADISH!
That's cheating!
flail
flail
Ding dong~


BANG!
GOOD AFTER-NOON!
HI, MINAKO!
Welcome!
Wah...!
You jerk.
Is this the relish?
What are you doing!?
Totally serious.
PLAYING DOCTOR.
Liar

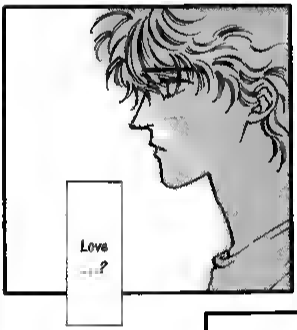
BY WEIRD, DO YOU MEAN WHAT WE WERE JUST DOING?
Snap
Slip
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING...!?
DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD!
Clink
WELL, SOMETHING THAT WOULD MAKE HIROKO ECSTATIC AFTER SEEING IT...
Drip
OH, SHE DIDN'T COME WITH YOU TODAY?
SHE HAS A DATE TODAY.

Eh!?
Date ??
SLAM
Finished changing
What's with that reaction?
YOU...
HIROKO GOT A BOYFRIEND RECENTLY
WHAT, I DIDN'T TELL YOU?
That's scary. He might be yakuza.
Isn't that cool?
How?
HE EVEN DRIVES A MERCEDES BENZ!
I HAVEN'T MET HIM YET EITHER, SO I'M NOT SURE. I JUST KNOW HE'S A PUBLIC FIGURE
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
Dash
NO, YOU DIDN'T!!
Don't look so scary you two!
Serious
You two
SHE PROBABLY FELL FOR HIS MONEY, RIGHT?
Right!
Taichi's head

MINAKO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JEALOUS
DON'T YOU ALREADY HAVE TAICHI?
Eh!?
NO WAY!
Noriko this scary girl!
SHE REALLY LOVES HIM
BUT I HEARD HE'S VERY KIND!
I can't even go against that
I'm telling you, it's not like that!
HN!
Ouch
Would a normal woman just slap you like that?
Even if we're childhood friends that's going too far!
OKUDA-KUN IS THERE ANYONE YOU LIKE?
ME?
Click
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
I CAN'T LOVE ANYONE

W-WAIT, ATSUROU WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
Bang
Um
AFTER DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN STILL TEACH SOME TEENAGER.
Hey!
WHERE? TO WORK OF COURSE!
I'm a tutor remember?
Hurry up and get out!
Chu!
TAKE IT EASY, YOU TWO BYE BYE!
SLAM
YOU'RE DODGING THE TOPIC!
IT'S CALLED "ADAPTING TO THE SITUATION!"
You big idiot!
I have perfectly pure intentions

"I can't love anyone."



Click
Who is it at this hour...
A bit unhappy
Ding Dong
YES, WHO IS IT?
Stand
ATSU-ROU?
IT'S ME.
click
SLAM
LEND ME YOUR SHOWER
I'M COMING IN
Pass
Slide
Ah, over there.

SHOWER!
I don't mind out.
SEAM
squeak
RUSTLE
click

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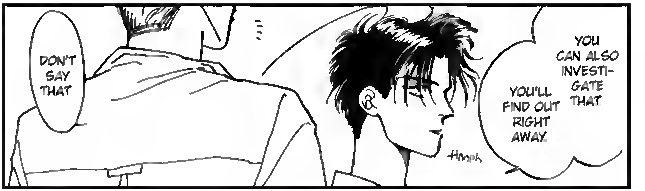
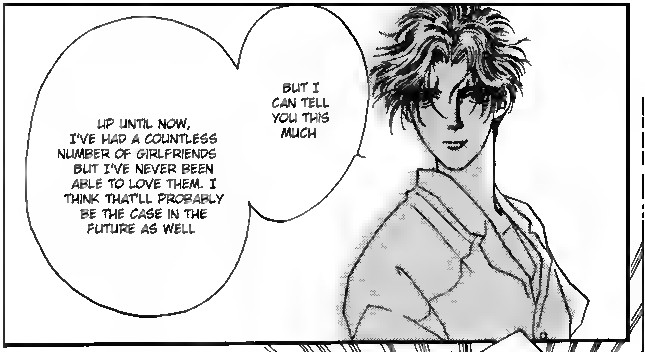
BUT I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU IKUCHI-SAN.
HM?
YOU WERE BORN INTO A GOOD FAMILY,
GRADUATED FROM A GOOD COLLEGE, AND YOU'RE LIVING AN EASY LIFE
WHY WOULD YOU BE SO INTERESTED IN SOMEONE WHO'S RUDE AND USELESS LIKE ME?
Heh
Palanquin huh?
Your looks qualify too
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I CAN'T IGNORE THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO RIDE THE PALANQUIN OF WEALTH.

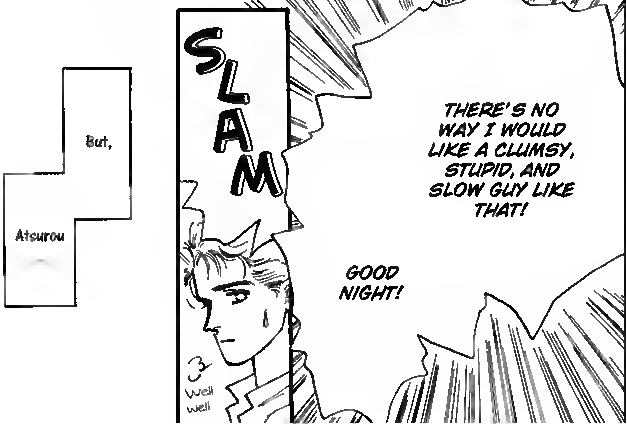
I'M THE SECOND SON IN MY FAMILY, SO I DON'T HAVE TO INHERIT THE FAMILY BUSINESS
WHAT KIND OF REASON IS THAT?
IT MEANS THAT I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT ALSO...
THERE'S NO ONE AROUND ME WHO'S AS INTERESTING AS YOU
!
DO YOU... LIKE ME?
I DO
THEN...
PROVE IT TO ME.

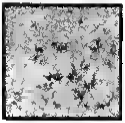
... YOU'RE JUST LIKE A WOMAN.
SFX: SHOCK
ATSUROU!
ARE YOU ANGRY?
NO!
LET ME GO! I'M GOING BACK!
HIS NAME IS TAICHI-KUN, RIGHT?
BECAUSE YOUR ROOMMATE IS WAITING FOR YOU?

WHA
Fwish
THAT'S LOW!
How embarrassing
THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT
This is why I don't understand wealthy people.
Glare
HOW DID YOU KNOW
I JUST HAD TO DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATING
FUJISHIRO TAICHI, AGE 19. YOU TWO ATTENDED THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
IS HE THE OBJECT OF YOUR ONE-SIDED LOVE?


DON'T SAY THAT
YOU'LL FIND OUT RIGHT AWAY.
YOU CAN ALSO INVESTI-GATE THAT


UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE HAD A COUNTLESS NUMBER OF GIRLFRIENDS BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO LOVE THEM. I THINK THAT'LL PROBABLY BE THE CASE IN THE FUTURE AS WELL
BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS MUCH


SLAM
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD LIKE A CLUMSY, STUPID, AND SLOW GUY LIKE THAT!
GOOD NIGHT!
But,
Atsurou
Well well



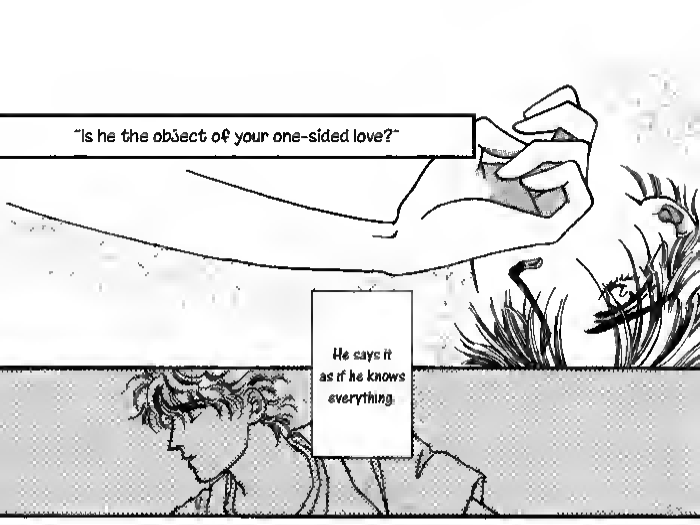
What a bad day.

If everyone knew when they were in love...

Then no one would be troubled by it, right?

To match my dark and gloomy mood,

Today's classes were boring as hell. And the sky is offensively blue.



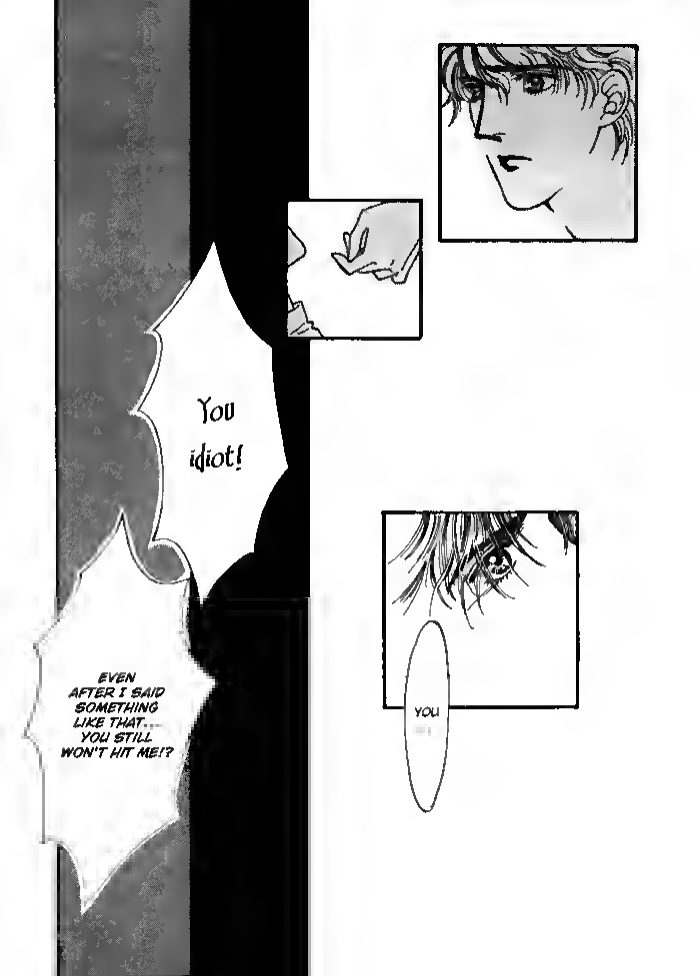
I can't even figure out my own feelings.

How could someone else understand?

No way
SNAP
Haha!
And then
Jolt
Oh, it's the girls from my class
Three makes a crowd I guess
Cute? Geh.
BUT FUJISHIRO-KUN IS REALLY CUTE!
I'VE DECIDED!
I'LL CAPTURE HIM IN A WEEK
Wow!
WHAT A BOLD STATE-MENT! ♡
I hear it!
Haha!

His turn to cook
Stir
Stir
TAICHI
HM?
He's talking about Minako
WHAT?
ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN MORISHITA?
IF YOU KEEP BEING THAT CARELESS I'LL STEAL HER FROM YOU!
WHO'S GOING OUT? MINAKO AND I ARE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.

YOU MEAN MINAKO...?
SHE'S GOTTEN PRETTIER, LATELY.
BUT THE INNOCENT TAICHI-KUN WON'T EVEN LAY A HAND ON HER.
ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE THAT PURE RELATION-SHIP?
CRASH
...ARE YOU GOING TO HIT ME?


You idiot!
EVEN AFTER I SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT... YOU STILL WON'T HIT ME!?
YOU

I WON'T
I ABSO-LUTE-LY WON'T HIT YOU
HOW COULD I!?
Some-thing
Like this happened before
What are you thinking? I don't get it at all!

I....

Keep hurting Taichi.

Every time...

Every time...

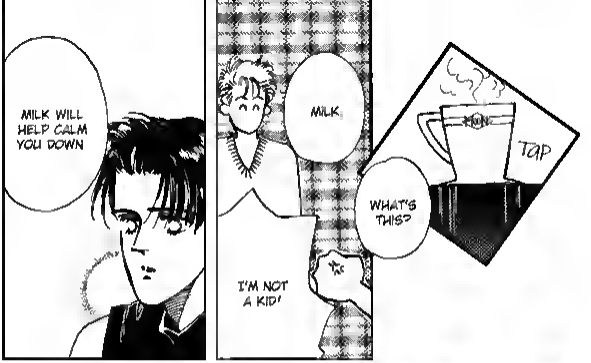
Every single time, it's always me!!

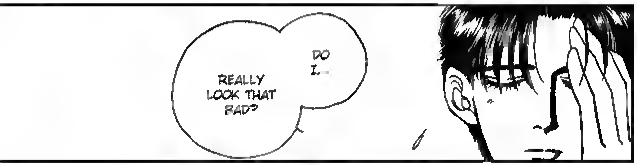
BANG

Step
Step
Step
Sit
I can t love anyone.
How
Can we connect our feelings?

Atsurou, please tell me...
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SORRY...
I'M SORRY...
What I should do...?

THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE I CAN GO.
HOW SAD...
These two are really tall
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
NOT REALLY
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOUR EXPRESSION SAYS
He sure changed quickly
click
click


MILK WILL HELP CALM YOU DOWN
MILK
I'M NOT A KID!
WHAT'S THIS?
MILK
TAP


REALLY LOOK THAT BAD?
DO I...

ALL MY FAULT
IT WAS
BUT,
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH TAICHI-KUN?
Bull's-Eye
Uuh

YOU'RE UNUSUALLY HONEST TODAY. ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?
Pissed
I ACTUALLY WANTED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU.
Grab
Let GO of Me! Geez!
BUT I WAS STUPID TO THINK THAT YOU'D ACTUALLY LISTEN!
AH
SORRY, ATSUROU.
ARE YOU HUNGRY? DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING?
HMPH!
NO NEED.

...ISN'T THIS YOUR BIG CHANCE?
Heh
IF YOU STILL HAVE ENERGY TO SHOUT AT ME, THEN IT'S FINE
RIGHT NOW, I'M BEING PULLED INTO SOME VIOLENT WAVES!
HOW CAN I BE IN THE MOOD FOR FOOD?
I WON'T RESIST NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY TO DO TO ME
RIGHT NOW—
IF I DID SOMETHING TO YOU RIGHT NOW THEN THAT'D BE UNFAIR TO YOU

RIGHT?
PERVERT!
You said it'd be unfair, but what are you doing now?

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SHUT UP.
I'M NOT... CRYING...
ATSU-ROU
LET ME TELL YOU THIS...
NO MATTER WHO YOUR HEART IS THINKING OF, I STILL LIKE YOU

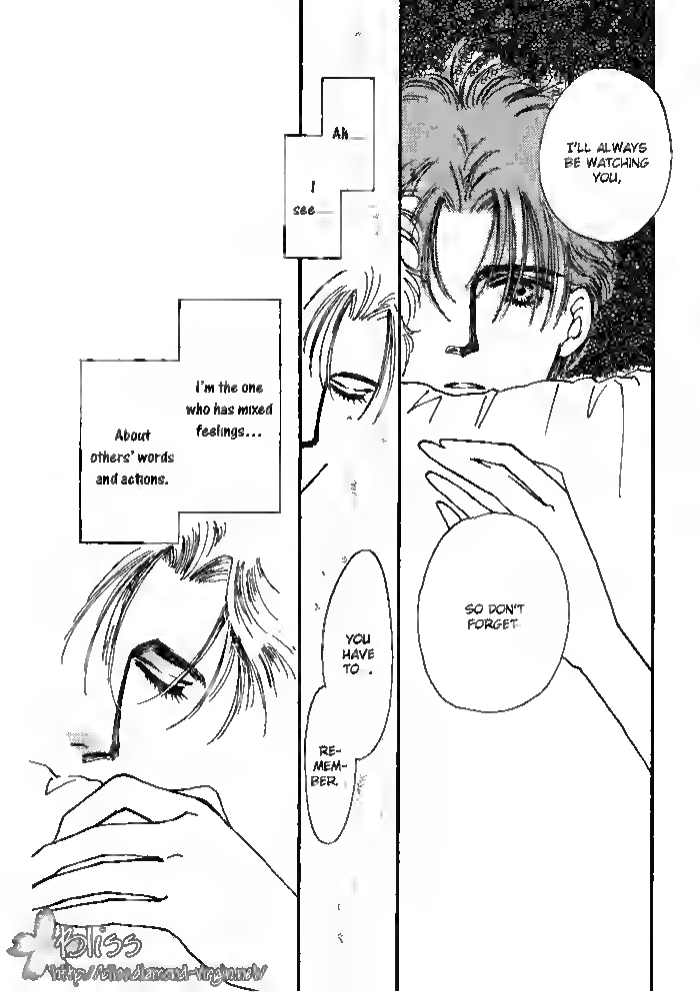
Being by yourself can make you lonely and uneasy...
In the suffocating darkness,
It was those words that made me understand
Who I was, and why I was there...
"Like "
This key word appears as a way to prove your own existence

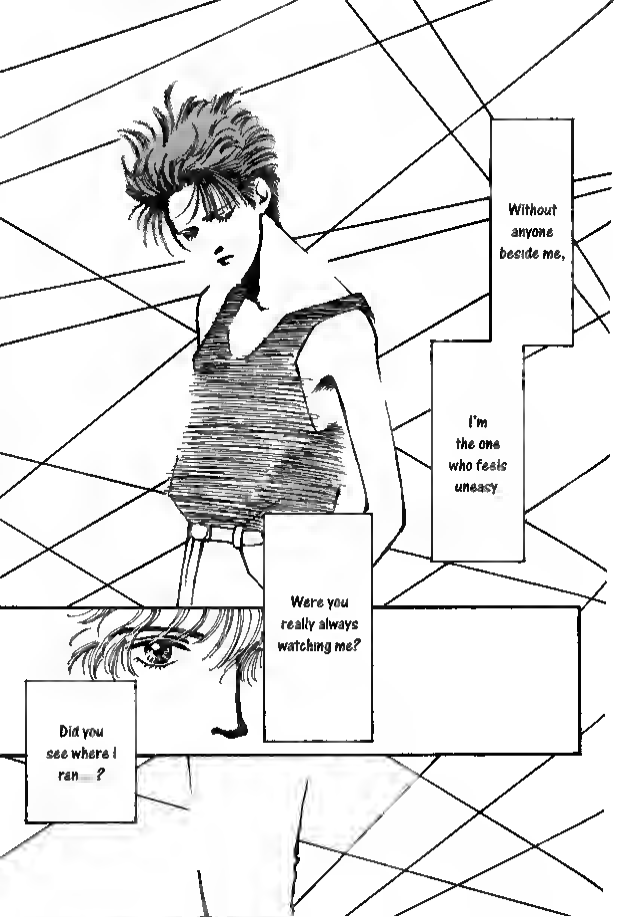
HE GOT ME
"I'm sorry"
Heh
I'm really too nice of a person...
CREak
Click

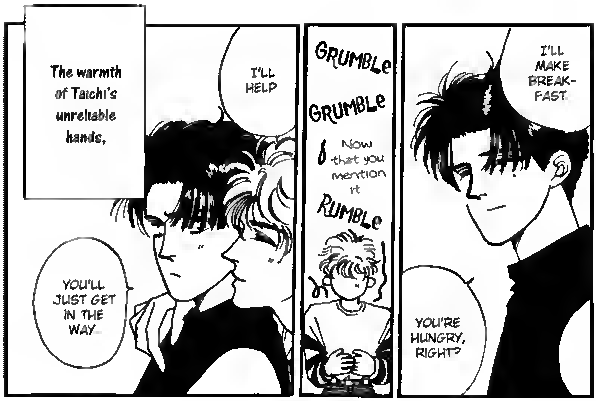
TAICHI!
YOU FINALLY CAME BACK...
Eh?
Be serious!!
TODAY, I'LL HIT YOU LIKE YOU WANTED ME TO!
Why did you change your mind so quickly?
WHOA! Is he serious!?
You idiot!
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE UP THE WHOLE NIGHT—
That's bad for you!
THAT ISN'T IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!
Idiot

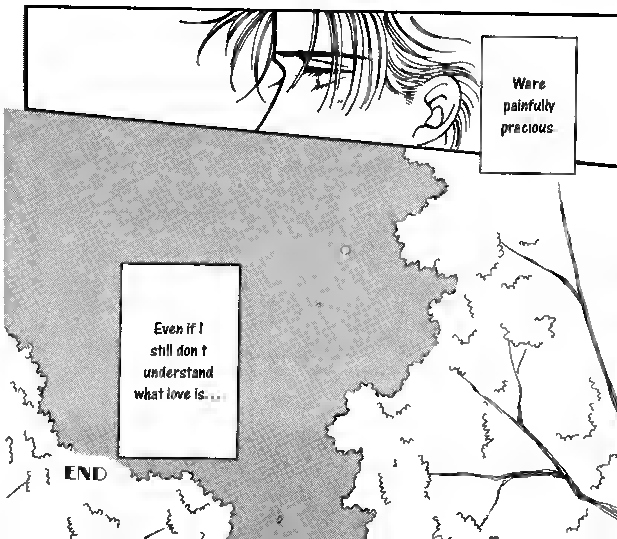
Smack
SOMETIMES I GET REALLY UNEASY WHEN I LOOK AT YOU
I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT...
I JUST FEEL REALLY, REALLY UNEASY.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH
DON'T MAKE ME WORRY ANYMORE IT'S TIRING!
tap

YOU HAVE NO GUTS.
BE QUIET...
Stupid!
DON'T FALL ASLEEP HERE!
Hey, you're heavy!
Grab
...I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE GOING TO SLEEP.
MAYBE I REALLY AM USELESS
BUT, I'M ALWAYS...
ALWAYS WATCHING YOU


I'LL ALWAYS BE WATCHING YOU.
SO DON'T FORGET
YOU HAVE TO .
RE-MEM-BER.
Ah
I see
I'm the one who has mixed feelings...
About others' words and actions.


Without anyone beside me,
I'm the one who feels uneasy
Were you really always watching me?
Did you see where I ran...?


The warmth of Taichi's unreliable hands,
I'LL HELP
YOU'LL JUST GET IN THE WAY
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
& Now that you mention it
RUMBLE
I'LL MAKE BREAK-FAST
YOU'RE HUNGRY, RIGHT?


Ware painfully precious
Even if I still don't understand what love is....
END

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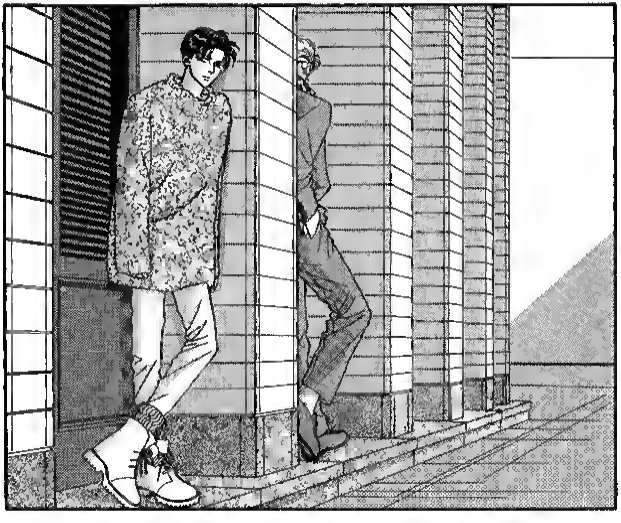

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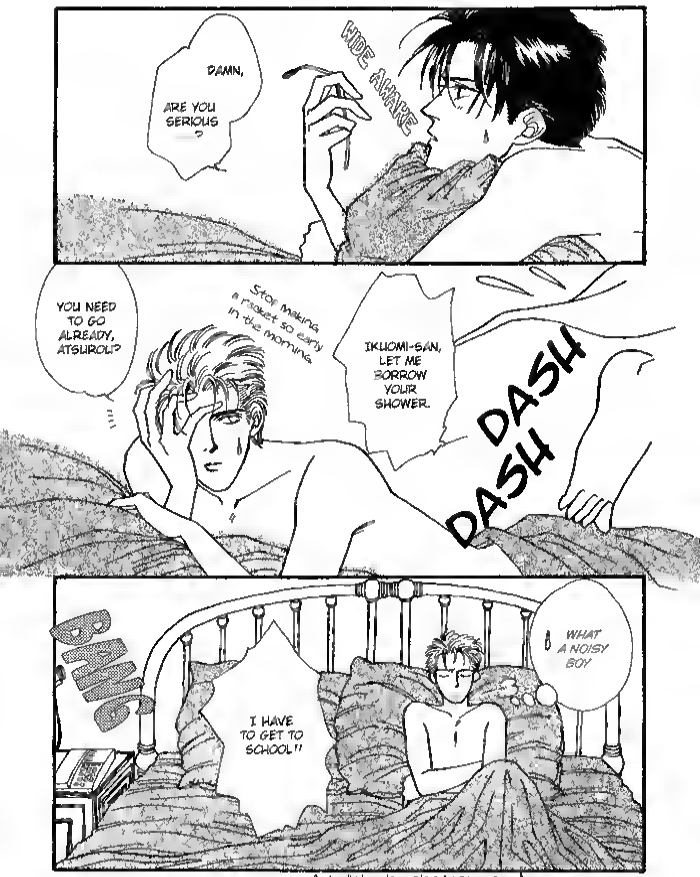
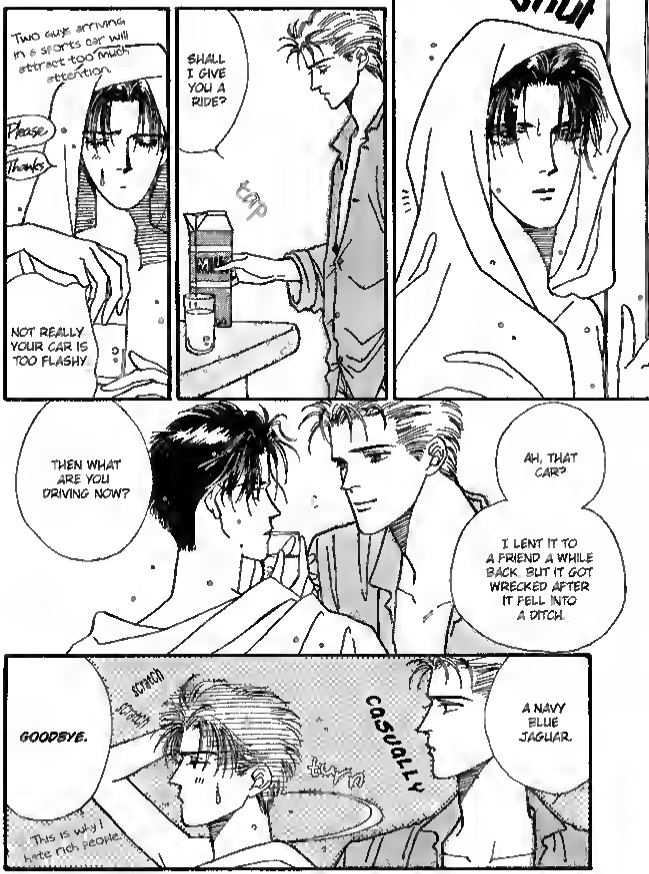
RRR...
RRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
RRR
RRR
RRR
UGH
SO NOISY
CLACK


WIDE AWAKE
DAMN, ARE YOU SERIOUS ?
IKUOMI-SAN, LET ME BORROW YOUR SHOWER.
DASH DASH
Stop making a racket so early in the morning.
YOU NEED TO GO ALREADY, ATSUROU?
PANIC
I HAVE TO GET TO SCHOOL!!
WHAT A NOISY BOY
Actually has low blood pressure.


Two guys arriving in a sports car will attract too much attention.
Please.
Thanks.
NOT REALLY YOUR CAR IS TOO FLASHY.
SHALL I GIVE YOU A RIDE?
tap
Shut
THEN WHAT ARE YOU DRIVING NOW?
AH, THAT CAR?
I LENT IT TO A FRIEND A WHILE BACK. BUT IT GOT WRECKED AFTER IT FELL INTO A DITCH.
GOODBYE.
scratch
CASUALLY
A NAVY BLUE JAGUAR.
This is why I hate rich people.

I NEED TO CHANGE
LET GO
sigh
ATSUROU
YOU'VE BEEN STAYING HERE FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS NOW
WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

.....
NO-THING REAL-LY
I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU MUST'VE HAD A FIGHT WITH HIM AGAIN
This happened before, didn't it?
THERE'S NO REAL REASON FOR IT
Sniff
BUT IF I HATED IT, I WOULDN'T COME
I HATE OVERLY PASSIONATE PEOPLE
BE THEY MEN OR WOMEN
And needy people, too
Push
!
Wah

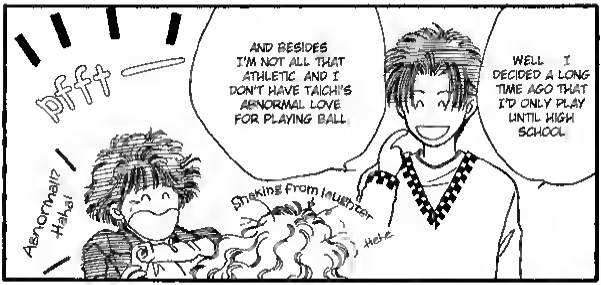
Idiot!
.....
Wear something or I won't be able to control myself.
Drawing people naked is difficult. ||
Lots of potted plants.
ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT?
I HAVE TO WORK.
LET'S HAVE DINNER TOGETHER.

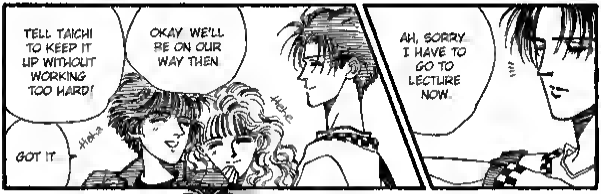
I'M NOT FREE!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT PAPER MOON AT EIGHT TONIGHT.
DIDN'T I JUST SAY THAT I'M NOT FREE?
SLAM
Reina
Riiing...
Who could be calling so early...?

HELLO?
click
AH, IKUMI-SAN THIS IS YOSHINO
OH, YOSHINO-SAN IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG? IT'S STILL PRETTY EARLY...
IT'S TERRIBLE!
MADAM, SHE...
What does he mean by "a fight with him again"!?
Just because he's a bit older than me.
Pfft
OKUDA-KUN!

Can't you tell by looking at me?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?
TAI-CHAN IS GOING TO BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP, SO I CAME TO BRING HIM SOME PROVISIONS
MORI-SHITA!
SHIMA-MURA!
BASKETBALL TRAINING CAMP
I SEE
.....
REALLY
I see
HOW RUDE. MINAKO TOLD ME TO COME ALONG SO THAT'S WHAT I DID
You don't believe me, do you?
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
HEHE
He's somewhat cute!
WHERE'S THAT MERCEDES BENZ BOYFRIEND OF YOURS?
THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE SHIMAMURA?
Point
Uhh

BUT WHAT A SHAME.
WHAT IS?
That was back in high school!
HEY!
SURE, SURE
IDIOT! I'M NOT THAT DESPERATE!
OR IS IT THAT YOU STILL CAN'T FORGET TAICHI?
Unrequited love huh?
YOU QUITTING BASKETBALL!
I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT YOU'D PLAY BASKETBALL TOGETHER WITH TAICHI
YOU PLAYED IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND WERE CHOSEN AS THE MVP.
TAI-CHAN AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A REAL PITY!

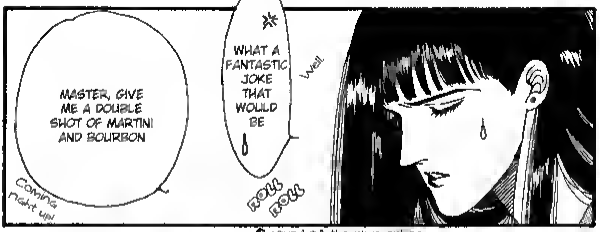

pfft
Abnormal? Haha!
AND BESIDES I'M NOT ALL THAT ATHLETIC AND I DON'T HAVE TAICHI'S ABNORMAL LOVE FOR PLAYING BALL
Shaking from laughter
Hehe
WELL I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO THAT I'D ONLY PLAY UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL

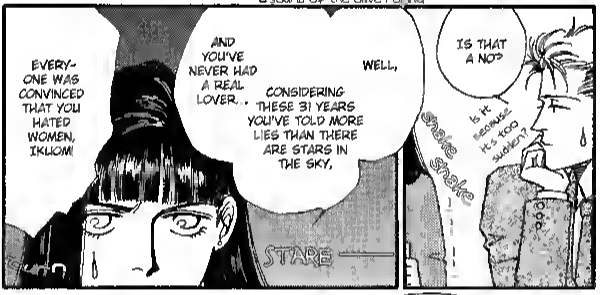

TELL TAICHI TO KEEP IT UP WITHOUT WORKING TOO HARD!
GOT IT
Haha
OKAY WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY THEN
Hehe
AH, SORRY I HAVE TO GO TO LECTURE NOW.

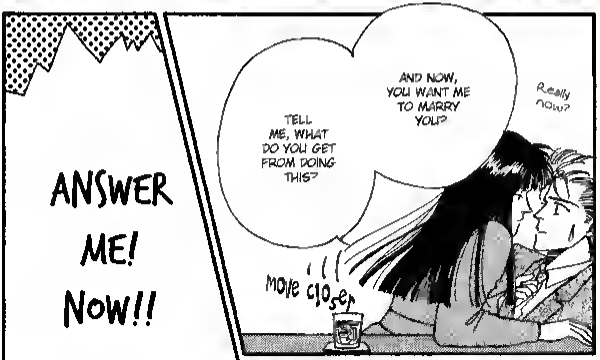
See you later!
Bye Bye!

Why did you quit basketball?
Please...
Just stop it already.
I'm begging you.
So...
WHAT'S THIS URGENT BUSINESS THAT YOU HAD TO CALL ME OUT FOR?

MASTER, ANOTHER MARTINI PLEASE
I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO USE PUTTING AIRS ON WHEN TALKING TO YOU
Hi Hun
Olive!
That's right
WILL YOU MARRY ME?
DROP
Hey hey
STUNNED
!!
– IS IT THAT TIME OF THE MONTH FOR YOU OR SOMETHING?
STUNNED
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME RIGHT NOW I'M LEAVING
STARE
You're a well off salaryman with lots of free time on your hands, while I'm just an ordinary office lady with no time whatsoever! To top it off, you've been sitting there without saying a word!
OF COURSE I AM!
You master!!
HOW MEAN. ARE YOU ANGRY, TSUKIKO?


MASTER, GIVE ME A DOUBLE SHOT OF MARTINI AND BOURBON
Coming right up
WHAT A FANTASTIC JOKE THAT WOULD BE
Well
HOHO HOHO
sound of the clive rolling


EVERY-ONE WAS CONVINCED THAT YOU HATED WOMEN, IKUOM!
AND YOU'VE NEVER HAD A REAL LOVER...
CONSIDERING THESE 31 YEARS YOU'VE TOLD MORE LIES THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY,
WELL,
STARE
IS IT THAT A NO?
Is it because it's too sudden?
Shake Shake


ANSWER ME! NOW!!
TELL ME, WHAT DO YOU GET FROM DOING THIS?
AND NOW, YOU WANT ME TO MARRY YOU?
Really now?
MOVE CLOSER

SLAM
IKUMI-SAN!
He told me that my mother suddenly fell ill.
This morning, my family butler Yoshino-san called me.
ACTUALLY
I'll tell you...
WHERE'S MOM?
SHE'S IN HER ROOM RESTING
Fright
MOM, IT'S ME
I'M COMING IN
HER HEART DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION...
WHAT DID THE DOCTOR SAY?

SMILE
YOU'RE HOME!
She got me...
AGAIN, MOM?
PLEASE STOP IT ALREADY...
If you had business with me you could've just said so
SO WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
BESIDES IF I DIDN'T MAKE THAT STORY UP, YOU'D NEVER COME HOME.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FELL FOR IT

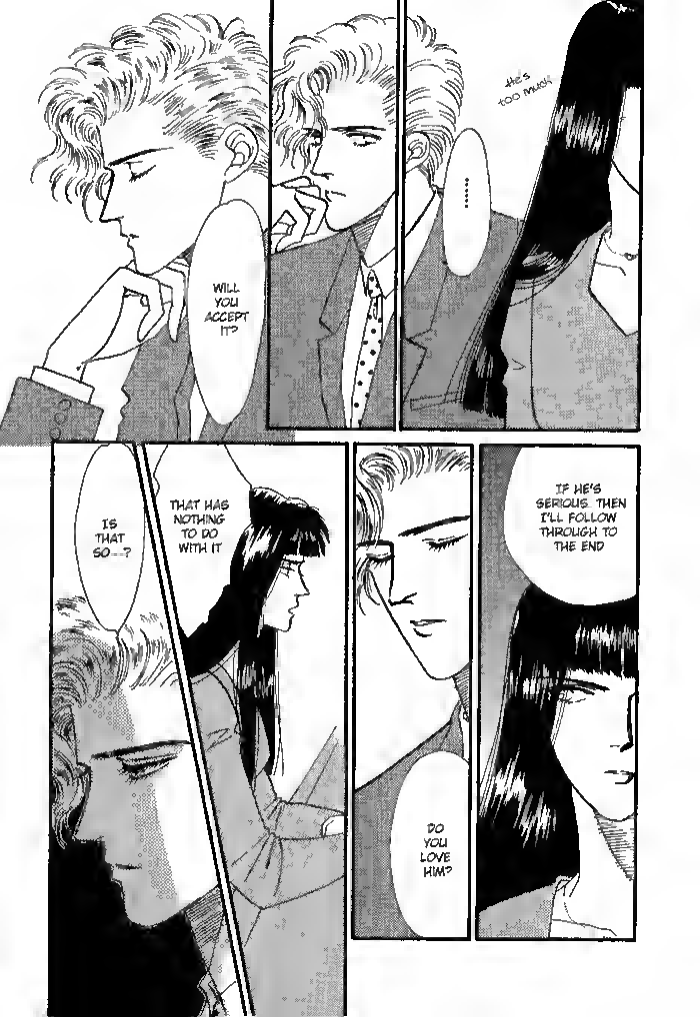
AIMING FOR A FIRST GRANDCHILD!
MOUNTAIN OF PHOTOS FOR AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE
BURIED.
Listen carefully
THIS
It can't be...
Goodness!
HAHAHAHA!
HOHOHOHO!
I'm so excited!
I wonder if it'll be a boy or a girl?
I SEE.
SO YOU'RE USING ME AS AN EXCUSE TO REJECT THOSE ARRANGED MARRIAGE PROPOSALS?
MOM DOESN'T LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE, EITHER.
I take my hat off at her tenacity.

Just ask him to make a kid or something!
BUT... DON'T YOU HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER? WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
Isn't he married?
WHEN DEALING WITH SIMPLISTIC PEOPLE SIMPLISTIC PLANS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE
I LIKE WOMEN WHO CATCH ON QUICKLY
STOP USING SUCH LAME EXCUSES IT WON'T WORK
THEN WHAT AM I, SOME BABY-MAKING MACHINE!?
Unbelievable!
THEY'RE AIMING FOR DOUBLE-INCOME NO KIDS
STUNNED
.....
I don't mind.
DO YOU WANT ONE?
SO, YOU'RE SETTING UP A MARRIAGE AGREEMENT?

I COULD HEAR YOU EVEN IF I DIDN'T WANT TO
WERE YOU EAVESDROPPING ON US?
WHAT BAD TASTE YOU COULD'VE AT LEAST TOLD US YOU WERE HERE.
Hi
AXEL!
IT'S UNACCEPTABLE TO MARRY SOMEONE FOR A REASON LIKE THAT. THERE'S NO LOVE INVOLVED IS THERE, IKUMI?
AREN'T YOU THE ONES WITH BAD TASTE?
COMPARED TO INCEST, THIS KIND OF ARRANGEMENT IS NOTHING

Don't say such nasty things! When have that man and I ever done something like that?
And what's in bed?
I don't understand Japanese.
How mean
WHEN DID I EVER SAY I WANTED TO MARRY YOU? THE TWO OF YOU HAVE BEEN IN YOUR OWN LITTLE WORLD EVER SINCE I STOPPED TALKING JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM?
AXEL
SO WE CAN GET MARRIED
IKUOMI, LET ME TELL YOU THIS WE'RE NOT DIRECT COUSINS... WE'RE SECOND COUSINS
MY BEST FRIEND

OH, THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT A LOOSE MAN
THEY'RE
YEAH, SORRY
YOU'RE LEAVING?
CLACK
COULD YOU CONSIDER IT? YOU CAN GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER NEXT TIME...
HOW'S TAICHI-KUN DOING?
TAICHI? HE'S AT A TRAINING CAMP RIGHT NOW
WHY DO YOU ASK?
... NO, IT'S NOTHING...
Damn you! Just go die in a ditch somewhere!
See ya
See ya


WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?
.....
HE'S TOO MUCH
IF HE'S SERIOUS, THEN I'LL FOLLOW THROUGH TO THE END
DO YOU LOVE HIM?
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
IS THAT SO—?

I HAVEN'T BEEN HANGING OUT WITH HIM FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS FOR NOTHING.
HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE.
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT.
YOU'RE A STRONG WOMAN

WELCOME BACK!
CLICK
YOU'RE HERE.
I CAME TO BORROW A BOOK
STAY FOR A WHILE I'LL MAKE SOME COFFEE
I'M GOING BACK NOW.
slip

HERE
THANKS
....

WHAT'S WRONG?
Taichi?
He's at a training camp right now.
—NO, IT'S NOTHING
Atsurou.
Am I just a substitute for you?
IKUOMI
SANJO
IT'S NOTHING
END

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愛車は黒のスープラをつぶした後
ネイビーブルーのジャガーを購入

chat ter
chat ter
OKUDA!
HEY
dong dong -
dong dong -
WE'RE GOING OUT TO DRINK TONIGHT, SO DO YOU WANT TO JOIN?
I'LL PASS.
Friend A
EH? WHY!?
I told the girls that you'd be there!
Attendance slip

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I HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO
humph
BASTARD, GET LOST!
B.G.M./ Love Is Stronger Than Pride by Sade
HMPH!
Today is Friday,
and the last day of the basketball training camp

105
Let's see if there's anything today
CLICK
207
Airmail?
TAICHI, WAKE UP
IT'S TIME FOR BREAKFAST

I'D LOVE TO LET YOU SLEEP SOME MORE, BUT MY SPECIALLY PREPARED MEAL WOULD GO TO WASTE
NN..
ZZZ
.....
It's like I'm in a coma...
HOW SAD IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T WAKE UP BY YOURSELF, HUH?
SNAP SNAP
WA HH
.....
INST-ANT KILL
Blow-In-Ear Attack

cling
A...
A...
BREAKFAST TIME
ATSUROU!
You...
smile
Ah, all my favorite food!
munch
....
TAICHI, YOUR FACE
EH?
SUC-CESS!
FOOD!
likes bananas, food even though he isn't
is actually good at cooking.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT I SKIPPED RIGHT TO BEING A REGULAR
SOMETIMES THEY'LL PURPOSELY TRY TO TRIP ME OR RAM INTO ME
THAT'S AWFUL
YEAH THE BALL GOT ME HARD IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME
YOU GOT BRUISED?
That looks painful
This actually isn't that bad
OUCH
Are you serious?
BUT WHEN IT DOES HAPPEN,
I KNOW THAT THEY'RE JUST JEALOUS OF ME BECAUSE I'M BETTER THAN THEM.
THINKING THAT WAY MAKES ME FEEL A LOT BETTER ABOUT MYSELF.

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A COMPLIMENT!
YOU PROBABLY THINK I'M AN IDIOT.
THIS GUY...
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU.
...IS THAT STRANGE?
OH—
Surprised after Atsurou said something unexpected
IF I WERE IN THAT SITUATION, I'D QUIT IN A FLASH.
BUT IS IT REALLY WORTH STAYING ON THE TEAM?
WELL—
I REALLY LIKE PLAYING, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

HAHA! I GUESS SO
Heh
haha haha haha
Are you trying to rob a bank? Stop laughing!
Taichi's left hand
OH THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S SOME MAIL FOR YOU.
IT'S FROM UNCLE ERIC.

"I really like playing, so it can't be helped ...?"

stare
Silence
UNCLE ERIC'S THE ONE WHO'S WORKING AS THE HEAD COACH OF THE UCLA BASKETBALL TEAM, RIGHT?
That's amazing.
THAT'S RIGHT.
Yeah, I did it!!
Sho
GK
Slightly taken aback...
W-WHAT WAS THAT ...?

ATSUROU! I'M GOING TO AMERICA!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HE SAID THAT I CAN GO WHENEVER I WANT TO!
I'M GOING TO AMERICA TO PLAY BASKETBALL!
What—
What did he just say . . .?

All those letters I wrote to Uncle since high school have finally paid off!
But I wanted you to be the first person to know.
I haven't told anyone about it because I didn't know if it'd go well or not,
You'll be happy for me, right, Atsurou?
You'll be happy for me, right, Atsurou?
squeeze

Taichi...
How should I have replied to that...?
That's great, Taichi.
Congratulations.
riiing
shock
riiing
riiing
riiing
riii
beep
CLICK

WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?
IKUOMI-SAN!
IKUOMI-SAN?
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH,
IKUOMI-SAN?
WAIT A—
beep
click
Why is it even bothering me?
It isn't unusual for girls to call

CLACK
HOW DARE YOU HANG UP ON ME, ASSHOLE!!
Vents her anger on phones.
The piano ...?

YOU STILL PLAY BEAUTIFULLY, AXEL
I'M JUST AN AMATEUR COMPARED TO YOUR MOTHER
OF COURSE. MY MOM GRADUATED AT THE TOP OF JULLIARD
MY GRANDMOTHER IN AMERICA IS STILL BITTER TOWARDS MY FATHER BECAUSE OF THAT
BUT NOW SHE'S JUST A REGULAR HOUSEWIFE.

I WON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN THE WAY OF WHAT I REALLY WANT TO DO
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE LIKE THAT
BUT SHE'S HAPPY ISN'T SHE?
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT WAY OF THINKING!
ISN'T MARRYING IKUMI CONTRADICTING THOSE FEELINGS?
blush
WHO WOULD TAKE A FARCE LIKE THAT SERIOUSLY!?

SLAM
step
step
step
Farce, huh ..?
I SEEM TO HAVE BEEN MISJUDGED
smooth
smooth
I'VE GONE THROUGH HARDSHIPS AS WELL...
AFTER I DECIDED TO MARRY MASAYUKI
click
Please
Thanks

I ENROLLED IN JULLIARD JUST AS MY MOTHER WANTED ME TO
BACK THEN, THERE WAS NOTHING SPECIAL IN IT FOR ME
IT WAS ONLY AFTER I MET MASAYUKI THAT I DISCOVERED MY TRUE SELF
HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO CLEAR A PATH AND ACT ACCORDING TO MY OWN WILL
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOW IN JAPAN, I STILL FEEL THAT I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.
AXEL
THAT GIRL IS HESITATING LIKE I WAS. BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHO SHE REALLY IS
I KNOW.
BUT EVEN SO, I STILL LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT HER... EVEN HER WEAKNESSES.

TIRED?
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME HERE TODAY
MY MOTHER IS DIFFICULT TO HANDLE ISN'T SHE?
YES, A LITTLE....

slide
IT'S FINE. IT'S PARTIALLY MY FAULT FOR AGREEING TO YOUR SCHEMES
BUT I FEEL A BIT SORRY FOR YOUR MOTHER.
SHE SEEMED TO HAVE BELIEVED IT. DON'T YOU FEEL GUILTY?
IT'LL BE FINE. THAT WOMAN IS MORE STUBBORN THAN I AM.
DON'T YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT YOU'RE THE MOST STUBBORN PERSON AROUND?
This man...
He's shameless.
Heh.
Nine o'clock, huh...? Ikuomi-san still isn't back,
so maybe I should just head home.
This book is getting boring, too.

Oh, he's back ...
CLICK shut
IKUOMI-SAN...
ATSUROU, YOU'RE HERE?
COME DOWN
WHO IS IT?
OKUDA ATSUROU-KUN MY FRIEND
Okuda Atsurou ...?
It sounds familiar ...
That woman ... Where have I ...

TAICHI'S
SISTER!
ROOMATE!
AH!
It's impolite to point
This is bad, isn't it...?
gasp
So this was your real objective ..?
OH, I SEE
.....
Not bad, Ikuomi-san
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU
THAT'S RIGHT, OKUDA-KUN
WE'RE GETTING MARRIED
smile
bliss

IT IS
CONGRATULA-TIONS
I SEE
REALLY?
IS THAT TRUE, IKUOMI-SAN?
This kid...
!
THE MARRIAGE, ME AND IKUOMI, IT'S ALL A LIE!
EVERY-THING...
IT'S A LIE!

I'LL SEND YOU OFF
I'M LEAVING
DON'T BOTHER. I'LL CALL A TAXI
hoh
HOW EMBARRASSING
I LOOK LIKE A FOOL
IKUOMI-SAN,
I'VE DONE EXACTLY AS YOU ASKED ARE YOU SATISFIED?
Exactly as you asked...?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BLUSH
SMACK

ALL YOU WANTED WAS TO WIN THIS BOY'S AFFECTION!
BUT DO YOU THINK I HAVEN'T REALIZED?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY IT!?
YOU SAID YOU NEEDED A REASON TO REJECT AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE—

.....
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL THE TRUTH!?
AT TIMES LIKE THESE...
YOU'RE SO UNFAIR...
I was always the one who'd lose my temper,
caught in the palm of your hand
slam
CLICK
tap tap tap
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I SHOULD HIT YOU!
SO IT WAS ALL A PART OF YOUR PLAN

ARE YOU AFRAID THAT TAICHI-KUN WILL FIND OUT?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU
MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF HE DOES FIND OUT.
OTHERWISE, IT'LL BREAK YOU.
Erab
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME!
YOUR LOVE FOR HIM WILL GO NOWHERE
BUT... THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LIKE HIM, HE WON'T UNDERSTAND
HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO
.....

THERE ARE TONS OF THINGS THAT ONLY I KNOW ABOUT HIM.
HIS HABITS
WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO MAKE HIM HAPPY.
OR EVEN TO MAKE HIM MAD
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS
JUST ME
?!

I
REALLY LIKE HIM
BUT IT ISN'T THE SAME AS LOVE
I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM...
HE'S A GOOD PERSON SO I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM.
I
WANT TO KEEP WATCHING OVER HIM...

It's so precious, so heartbreaking, and yet...
It's not that I want anything in return ...
It's still a form of love
There's no logic behind it
I LOVE YOU
ATSUROU

Ikuomi-san,
You're always ...
The one who tells me what I've longed to hear
I love you...
squeeze
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU, ATSUROU
FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

CAN'T SLEEP?
SHOCK
CRICK

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD LIKE THIS
...AXEL.
IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS TURNED DOWN.
heh
YOU ACTUALLY LIKE HIM?
DIDN'T...

HE'S THE KIND OF MAN THAT WOMEN ARE ATTRACTED TO
HE'S INTELLIGENT, HAS AN EXPENSIVE CAR AND LEADS A GOOD LIFE...
...YES, I DID
I WAS A FOOL TO BE CAUGHT BY SUCH SMALL THINGS
SUCH A FOOL
DON'T BELITTLE YOURSELF LIKE THAT, TSUKIKO.

There's no logic behind it
It's precious,
And yet so heartbreaking

Packing luggage
HUH?
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING FUN
rustle
rustle
I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR MY TALENT WILL TAKE ME OVER THERE, BUT...
MY DREAM EVER SINCE CHILDHOOD HAS FINALLY COME TRUE
I GUESS
WHAT'S WRONG ATSUROU...?
IS BASKETBALL THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT MORISHITA?
ONCE I LEAVE
WILL YOU BE LONELY?
THAT...
OF COURSE I WILL!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU BE SO HONEST
ABOUT YOUR EMOTIONS
Atsurou...
Slowly but surely, I know you're changing
SHUT UP!
DON'T MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE
Bit by bit,
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN
I can tell you're trying hard to do just that.

But even so,
He's still going off on his own...
Leaving me behind.
Taichi is really kind.
He's always been like this
I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK.

HERE I AM AGAIN
ATSUROU...
I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T COME BACK.
HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO...
I...

WHAT...?
NO... IT'S NOTHING...
WHAT...
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF I WEREN'T HERE?
JUST KIDDING
...I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT BEFORE

That's right, I've never thought about it.

Whenever I'm feeling down, you'll always be there by my side

It's something I've started to take for granted

But if you're not around...

Will I be alone again...?

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TAICHI, ARE YOU THERE?
knock knock
NEE-SAN
WELCOME BACK
IT'S ALMOST TIME
YEAH.

YOU'RE REALLY GOING AWAY— I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
I KEEP THINKING THAT YOU'RE STILL A LITTLE BOY
Toh
THAT'S SO MEAN
AH!
Serious
WORK HARD! I'LL PRAY FOR YOUR SUCCESS!
Don't you dare lose to some Yankee boy!
Nee-san ?
THANK YOU, NEE-SAN
I'LL REALLY PRAY FOR YOU
Oh, that's right! Be careful of AIDS! You're pretty like your mother, so if something happens, throw a quick punch and run away!
And be careful of pretty men! Who knows what they're up to!

IT'S ALREADY BEEN A WEEK
WHAT?
IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE TAICHI LEFT FOR AMERICA
THERE'S NO USE POUTING ABOUT IT NOW
That's true
AND YOU'VE FINALLY SETTLED DOWN
pour

MAYBE ALL THIS TIME,
I'VE ADMIRED TAICHI
HE'D NEVER LIE TO ANYONE OR BETRAY THEM. NOT EVEN HIMSELF
....THINKING BACK,
THIS MIGHT SOUND WEIRD, BUT...
IS THAT WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT HIM?

IT COULD BE
HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO'D ACCEPT SOMEONE AS MESSED UP AS ME
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S AMAZING THAT HE HELD UP FOR FIVE WHOLE YEARS
I'D ALWAYS BETRAY HIM, AND YET...
HE'D STILL LOOK AFTER ME...
HE'D TREAT MY PROBLEMS LIKE THEY WERE HIS, AND GET ANGRY OR CRY ABOUT THEM...
WHAT A WEIRD GUY...
heh
ATSUROU

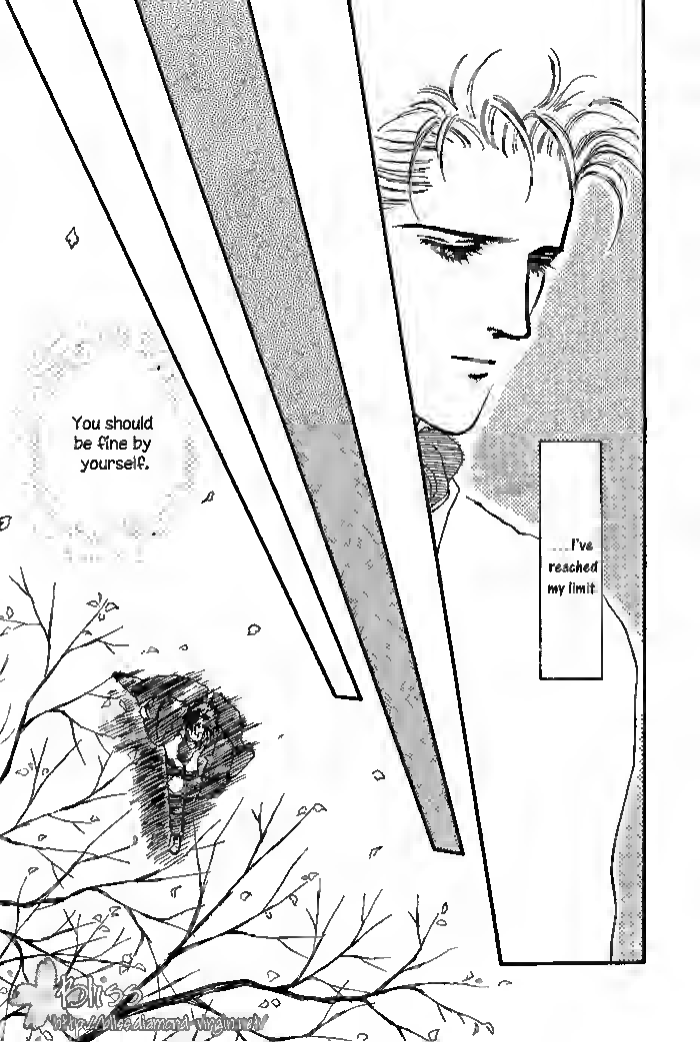
I LIKE YOU, AND I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE...
SORRY
BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO FORGET ABOUT HIM.
THAT'S NATURAL, ISN'T IT?
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION YET?

IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D BE HONORED TO ACCEPT IT
THAT'S GREAT! ONE YEAR WILL BE OVER IN NO TIME!
YES, PROFESSOR HOPKINS
SO WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING ON COMING?
ONCE I FINISH UP MY WORK HERE, I SHOULD BE READY IN ABOUT A MONTH
THEN I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL!
THANK YOU. I'LL SEE YOU THEN.
CLICK

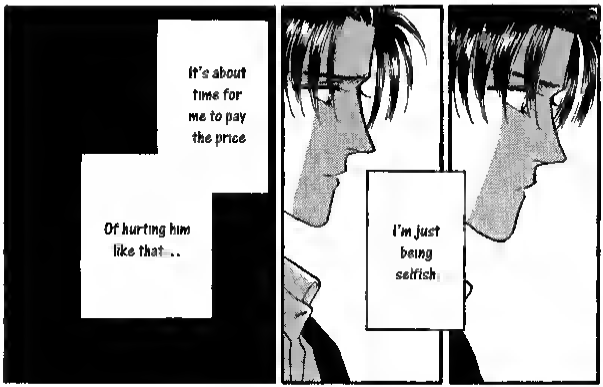
ATSUHIRO!
SHOOK
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?
.....
MR. HOPKINS MY PROFESSOR WHEN I WAS STUDYING ABROAD AT HARVARD.
A YEAR AGO HE INVITED ME TO GO BACK TO MY ALMA MATER.

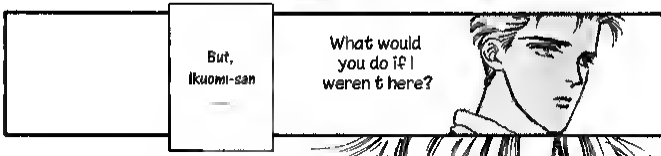
BORED —?
WHAT IS THAT...
...AND? DID YOU ACCEPT?
I'VE STARTED TO GET BORED WITH MY LIFE AS IT IS NOW
.....
YOU SHOULD BE FINE BY YOURSELF
DON'T JUST DECIDE THAT ON YOUR OWN!
SLAM
.....

Then what would you have me do?
No matter how close your body is to mine,
Your heart isn't there with it.


You should be fine by yourself.
.....I've reached my limit

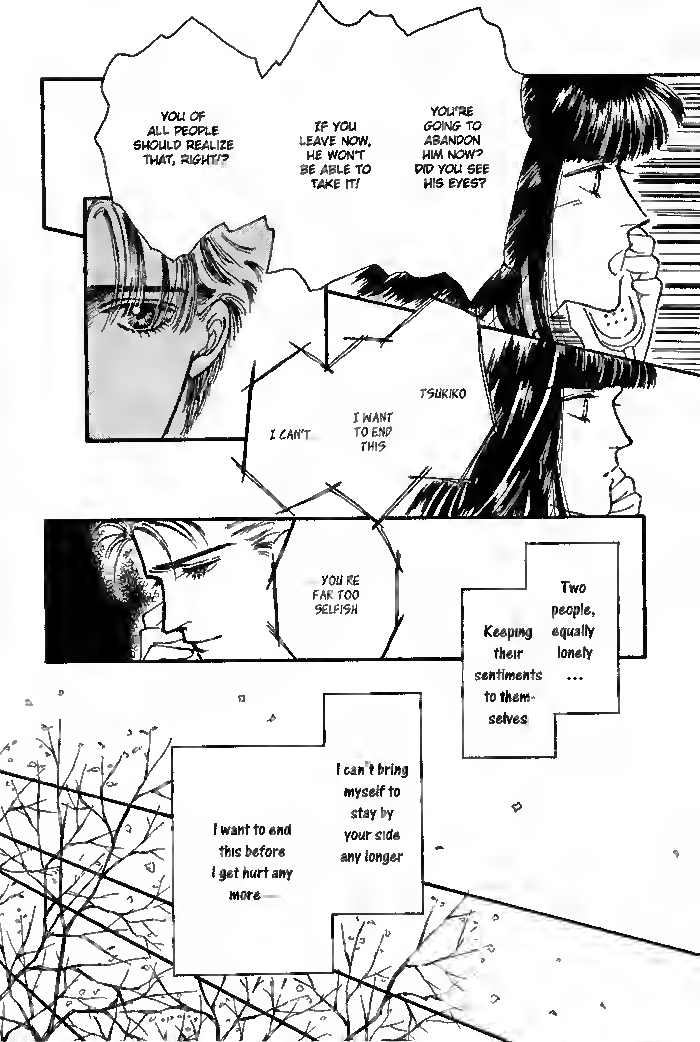
SLAM
I'll be fine by myself?
I'm so unstable, it's like I'm standing on quicksand—
When Taichi left, I was still able to go on
When I finally realized it was because of you—


It's about time for me to pay the price
Of hurting him like that...
I'm just being selfish

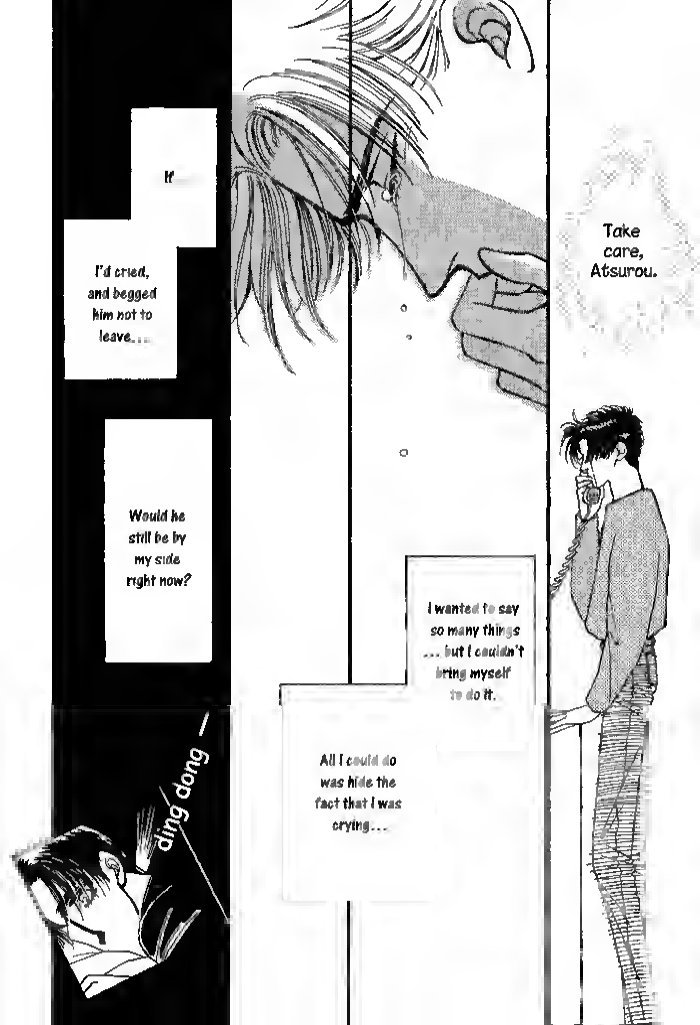

But, Ikuomi-san
What would you do if I weren't here?

I already know what it feels like to be surrounded by your warmth
I... don't want to be alone again...

I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT
TSUKIKO
I'VE DONE SOMETHING HORRIBLE TO YOU
I CAN'T APOLOGIZE ENOUGH FOR WHAT I'VE DONE
I'LL BE LEAVING FOR BOSTON IN A MONTH TO HELP PROFESSOR HOPKINS WITH HIS RESEARCH
I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE ME ANYMORE I'LL BE LEAVING
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
W-WAIT A SECOND! IKUOMI-SAN YOU'RE GOING BACK TO HARVARD?
WHAT ABOUT THAT BOY!?


YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD REALIZE THAT, RIGHT!?
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT!
YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON HIM NOW? DID YOU SEE HIS EYES?
TSUKIKO
I CAN'T
I WANT TO END THIS
YOU'RE FAR TOO SELFISH
Keeping their sentiments to themselves
Two people, equally lonely ...
I want to end this before I get hurt any more—
I can't bring myself to stay by your side any longer

It's been a week since Ikuomi-san left for Boston.
There's a sinking feeling in my heart, different from when Taichi left.
I'M LEAVING TOMORROW
I SEE.
TAKE CARE, ATSUKO


If
I'd cried, and begged him not to leave...
Would he still be by my side right now?
ding dong
All I could do was hide the fact that I was crying...
I wanted to say so many things ... but I couldn't bring myself to do it.
Take care, Atsurou.

GOOD AFTER-NOON
TSUKIKO-SAN...
CLICK
Who is it...?
SORRY FOR COMING OVER SO SUDDENLY.
BUT I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS LETTER
WHAT IS THIS?
shock
IT HAS IKUOMI-SAN'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER IN BOSTON
THAT...
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!
ATSUROU-KUN!

DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO DO THIS! BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF!
IF YOU COME TO REGRET IT, IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT IT
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO DO — AND IF YOU DECIDE YOU DON'T NEED IT,
YOU CAN THROW IT AWAY
I'M LEAVING
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY

DO YOU FEEL BETTER NOW?
AXEL...
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HELPING ME LIKE THIS
THANK YOU
WHY THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I'M TRYING TO BE HONEST WITH MYSELF
CAN YOU TELL?
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Ikuomi-san
Ever since you left, I've come to understand what true loneliness is,
Be honest with yourself!
and how much your existence really meant to me...
Honestly speaking, I'm kind of surprised myself.
When did you find your way into my heart like this...?
That's why...

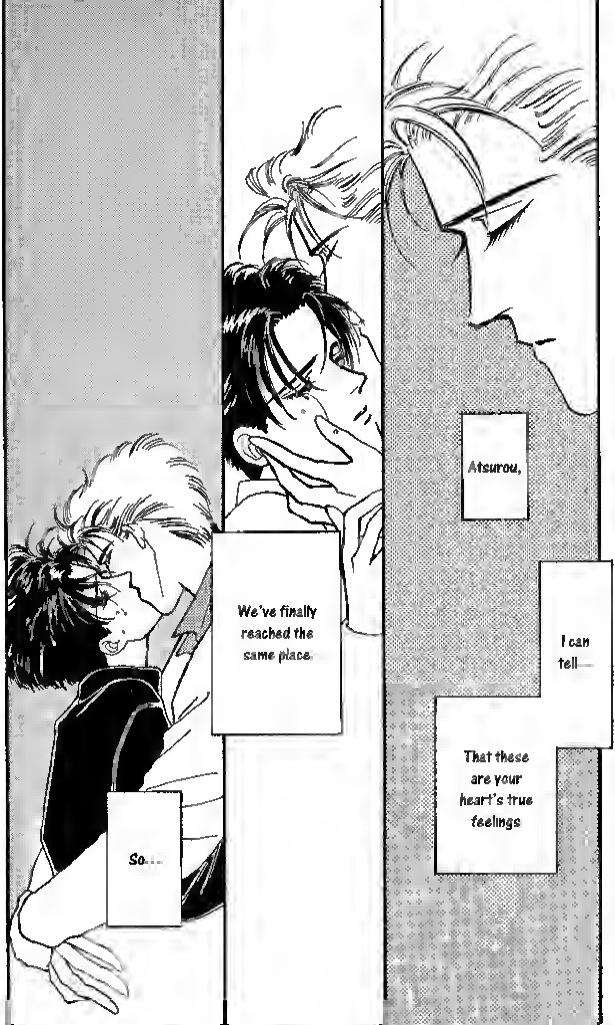
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MASSACHUSETTS
BOSTON
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
I. TAKI
knock knock

That's why...
CLICK
I've decided not to lie anymore

I'M ON BREAK NOW
SHUT
ANYWAY, BOSTON IS REALLY COLD!
WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?
ATSUROU!?
I'M HERE
CAN I COME IN?
PEOPLE LIKE YOU...
.....
AM I A NUI-SANCE?
...I MUST BE. HUH? I'VE DONE SOME REALLY AWFUL THINGS TO YOU.

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING FED UP WITH A KID LIKE ME
YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME AT ALL, DID YOU?
ATSUROU...
YOU HATE ME ALREADY, DON'T YOU!?
ATSUROU!!

So it's my turn to say it now...
IKUOMI-SAN.
I LOVE YOU
Ikuomi-san, you've always loved me...
I WANTED TO SEE YOU...
I WANTED TO SEE YOU SO BADLY.
I WANTED TO SEE YOU...
THAT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO...
I can now say honestly things that I couldn't bring myself to say before.
ATSU-ROU...
I LOVE YOU...
I LOVE YOU
DON'T EVER LEAVE...
STAY BY MY SIDE...


Atsurou,
I can tell—
That these are your heart's true feelings
We've finally reached the same place.
So....

I WON'T GO ANYWHERE

ATSUIROU

I'LL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU

END

あとがき

初めまして、不破慎理と申します。

なんだかまだ信じられません。この話がコミックスになるなんて……。

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石田育絵著
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